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and

applying a stress signal to said actuator to vibrate the piezoelectric transformer apparatus;

identifying whether the transformer apparatus has a mechanical latent defect;

completing the manufacture of the piezoelectric transformer apparatus after the step of identifying whether the transformer apparatus has a mechanical latent defect.

14. A method of manufacturing a piezoelectric transformer apparatus including an actuator and a generator, the method comprising the steps of:

beginning manufacturing of the piezoelectric transformer apparatus; testing the piezoelectric apparatus for mechanical latent defects; and completing manufacturing of the piezoelectric transformer.